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Notes from LBCs call yesterday.

Lara's discussion - I sent you a response to the HF email but I probably need to tell you in person since hard to capture her information and put in email.

Capital Equipment Co-Purchasing

- we are exploring the possibility of combining purchases when regions are ordering the same equipment. There are lots of barriers (is there cost savings?, which region's CO would order?, are there dollar limits?, is it practical - would each region have the same specs?). So Brenda is going to try and have her CO on the call next month.

Regional Lab Report

- information is due tomorrow. Robin has pulled our numbers and I should have this sent to R9 by COB tomorrow.

Budget

- FY11 enacted was \$8.682B
- FY12 passed budget is \$8.449B (\$240M reduction)
- everyone will take a prorated cut of 1% in FTE/Payroll reduction and every office has cuts.
- ~\$200K reduction to capital equipment (EPM) R3's anticipated EPM amount is \$286K
- There was a line item for the long-term lab study of \$2M

Dimock

- Everyone is ready; all of us prefer not to have samples shipped over the weekend so I said I would make sure to work with HSCD on logistics. They do it but without advance notice it is more difficult to deal with comptime and overtime.

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